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Case No. 420 P 043

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: ) Examiner: Peter Chin  
Hartmut Schulz ) Group Art Unit: 1731  
Serial No. 10/006,318 )  
Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
For: DECORATIVE PAPER WITH )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ON  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above captioned application on January 14, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith together with an Information Disclosure Statement. Preliminary to the continued examination please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended). A decorative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt% based on the total pigment content, and a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 2.0µm.

6. (Once Amended). A decorative paper or decorative sheet containing a decorative base paper, said base paper comprises a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt% based on the total pigment content, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than